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In re: Application of:

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For SOFTWARE-IMPLEMENT METHOD FOR  
IDENTIFYING NODES ON A NETWORK

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This paper accompanies a Request for Continued Examination of the above-captioned application and is further accompanied by the fee payment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). If the fee payment is missing or incorrect in amount, or if other fees are determined to be due in connection with the captioned application, the Assistant Commissioner, Commissioner, and/or the Director of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office is/are authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any deficiencies to Browning Bushman Deposit Acct. No. 02-4345, referencing attorney docket number BVEW:154.

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the application as set forth on the following pages.

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INVENTORSHIP

The Patent Office is hereby notified that the legal name of co-inventor Gregory M. Hanka has been officially changed to Kaitlyn Denise Hanka, as evidenced by a written Order to Change Name dated May 27, 2004, in the Family Court, 328th Judicial District, Fort Bend County, Texas, in cause no. 04-CV-136216. A Declaration to this effect executed by Kaitlyn Denise Hanka is attached hereto. Assignee requests that the Patent Office's file be amended to reflect this name change. Further, it is respectfully requested that co-inventor Kaitlyn Denise Hanka be listed *first*, and co-inventor Scott H. Hutchinson be listed *second*.

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